



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE L' AUTOMOBILE

ANTI-DOPING COMMITTEE – FIA MEDICAL COMMISSION

Mr Christos NIARCHOS – Decision notified on 08.12.2010

Mr Christos Niarchos, who took part in the "Spa Euro Race" event counting towards the International GT Open series held at Francorchamps, Belgium, on 27 June 2010, an FIA International Event registered on the 2010 FIA International Sporting Calendar, tested positive for Carboxy-THC (a metabolite of cannabis), a specified substance belonging to the group S8, cannabinoids, of the World Anti-Doping Agency Prohibited List.

Mr Christos Niarchos was provisionally suspended as from 11 October 2010.

The Anti-Doping Committee – FIA Medical Commission (ACMC) held a hearing in this case in Paris on 29 November 2010.

Decision of the ACMC

The ACMC concluded that an Anti-Doping Rule Violation according to Article 2.1 of the FIA Anti-Doping Regulations – "Presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in a Driver's Sample" – was established.

As a consequence, the ACMC has decided to impose the following sanctions on Mr Christos Niarchos:

- 1) the sanction of ineligibility for a period of 6 months, starting on 23 September 2010 (which corresponds to the day on which the voluntarily ban of Mr Christos Niarchos was announced) and expiring on 23 March 2011;
- 2) Mr Christos Niarchos is disqualified from the individual result achieved in the "Spa Euro Race" event counting towards the International GT Open series held at Francorchamps, Belgium, on 27 June 2010, as well as from any competitive results achieved between 27 June 2010 and 11 October 2010, with all resulting consequences including forfeiture of any trophies, points and prizes.

Mr Christos Niarchos has 21 days in which to appeal this decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

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